

MAGNOLIA COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, July 10, 2023

> Call to Order

Called at 6:02 PM

> Pledge of Allegiance

> Roll Call

Council members present; Jim Frazier, Scott Fowler, Ryan Clarke, Buck Dougherty and Susanne Whitney. Diane Cahall, Dustan Russum and Ralph Satterfield were present. Guests: Shore United Bank Branch Manager: Susan Welch and Asst. Branch Manager Kelly Willey.

> Minutes of Last Meeting

Mayor Frazier advised the Budget 2024 info: Noted: used \$80k of \$92K of ARPA funds should read \$8k of \$92k of ARPA funds. Minutes were approved with correction, motion by Ryan, second by Susanne, motion carried.

> Treasurer's Report

Review of Diane's prepared report. Council reviewed the financial report, balances, and bills to be paid. Ryan motioned to pay the bills, second by Susanne, motion carried. Diane advised Council that Magnolia will receive \$2,767.93 from Municipal Street Aid for Thorn Street. We are not funded for Main or Walnut Street; which are State maintained. 2023 tax bills and 2nd quarter water bills were sent out June 30th. Diane met with Susan Welch of Shore United Bank who provided information for CD fund transfers. Diane will now schedule a meeting with PNC for the next step.

> Public Works/Infrastructure

a. Water System & Fire Hydrants: Dustan Russum read June water reports to Council including: water usage, fluoride/chlorine levels, and well levels. Chlorine was up a little so he adjusted it 1.1. Fluoride was 5.5 and is down to 4. Using more water and less chemicals. Regarding Lead and Copper test; 25% is the most allowed for the unknown category.

Galvanized pipes that touched goose neck is not considered lead. The report must be completed by Oct. 16, 2024. It is not just the EPA with stricter rules it is also the State of Delaware. Testing for Lead and Copper this year; next year first drawl then wait a while and 2nd drawl. First drawl from the house and second from the water system. The school will require five samples yearly as would any daycare within the town.

120 Water says smaller systems are not prepared so it might be extended. Samantha and Jim discussed \$5,500 data system; probably three times for three years. 120 Water will crunch the data. Dustan advised a \$120k grant that mysteriously lost the signature paperwork. Scott Fowler advised he has no electronic computer data files on water system.

Well rehab project: Jim, Scott and Greg are working on the figures and will report information to council as soon as possible.

Leaks have been reported at the Magnolia Crossing mobile home park.

Council discussed the possibility of installing a meter for the park; Dustan advised it is permitted because they are located out of the town limits.

The approximate cost of a meter installed is \$5,500. Scott says there are 2 lines into the park; Ralph says there are 3; one on Irish Hill and the 2 yellow posts in front of the park. The water rate is approximately \$3.50 per thousand gallons. Dustan also mentioned Bowers Beach is considering pooling funds into a municipal fire company and a group police department.

Traffic Assessment: Jim and Eric Buckson are sitting on the board. Cameras are legal in the state and fines can be issued.

Curb Painting; Scott will obtain another cost proposal. Diane questioned why the state isn't responsible for curb painting on Main and Walnut Streets since we only get Municipal Street funding for maintenance of Thorn Street. Funding is based on mileage of roads and Thorn is only 0.13 miles and we will receive \$2,767.93 this year. We use the funds for streetlights; it pays approximately 6 months.

DAFB Compatible Use Study is completed and we will receive report next month.

Wooten property: Gary Wooten, Mike Harrington, a Surveyor and Jim were included on a conference call with a total of 7 people. After discussion; Jim explained to the group that the town requires visuals on the subject.

Comprehensive Plan Review: Jim advised the review is due April 2024. Steve Whalen, Jason Rosewicz, Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Hannah and Jim will be on the review committee.

There being no further business, motion to adjourn was made by Buck, second by Ryan and the meeting adjourned at 6:57 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Diane P. Cahall".

Diane Cahall